

REMARKS

Claims 1-56 are pending in the application Claims 6-10, 12-22 and 28-43 are withdrawn from consideration.

The Drawing objections have been addressed by Replacement Sheets for Figures 1-6.

Claims 1-5, 11, 23-27, 44-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

These objections have all been addressed in the present amendments.

Claims 1-5, 11, 25-27 and 48-56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mong US 2002706.

Claims 1-5, 11, 46 and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rice US3631614.

Claims 1-5, 11, 46 and 47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Freed US 6035559.

Claims 23, 24, 44 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over any of the following references: Mong, Freed and Rice.

None of the cited references taken alone or in combination disclose ground engaging elements or mounting elements which rotate about a point located between the heel and forefront of the shoe, as currently claimed.

The ice-creeper disclosed in Mong has no constantly movable elements. The structure of Mong is only movable before fixation on a shoe, not while fixed on a shoe.

Neither Freed nor Rice disclose a device which rotates in a manner similar to the presently claimed invention.

CONCLUSION

Applicant asserts that all of the Examiner's objections have been obviated, and therefore now respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections and allowance of the application.

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE TERM

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of the term for reply from 5 September 2007 to and including 5 December 2007. Submitted herewith is a check for \$525 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account Number 04-2219, referencing our Docket Number 14150.

Respectfully submitted,

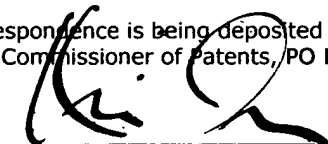


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